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**ARMED CAREER CRIMINAL SENTENCED TO 15 YEARS FOR  
TWO SHOTGUN SHELLS IN POCKET**

Jacksonville, Florida - Today U.S. District Judge Henry Lee Adams, Jr. sentenced Marcus McCullers to 15 years' imprisonment for possession of ammunition by a convicted felon. Marcus McCullers pled guilty in January 2004. According to court documents, Marcus McCullers was in possession of two shotgun shells when he was arrested. Marcus McCullers has fourteen prior felony convictions.

The case was investigated by the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Frank Talbot.

The case represents the culmination of a cooperative effort between the United States Attorney's Office, Jacksonville Sheriff's Office, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the State Attorney's Office for the Fourth Judicial Circuit. This is another case prosecuted as a part the Department of Justice program "Project Safe

Neighborhoods” - a nationwide gun violence reduction initiative with strong support from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. United States Attorney Paul I. Perez is coordinating the cooperative effort here in the Middle District of Florida with federal, state and local law enforcement officials. The objective is to reduce violent crime by locating and seizing unlawfully possessed guns and then swiftly prosecuting the offenders using both federal and state gun laws.